ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH to THE LITTLE GLASNY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL for the year 1906.

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Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting to you my report for the year 1906.

Although we have had to face a somewhat heavier notification list than that of the past and previous years, nevertheless the district has been favoured with quite the average amount of good health in the people residing in it.

The Sanitary arrangements have as in former years received systematic and regular attention throughout the Council's area.

A case of Typhoid occurring in the Hightown section, an improved method of ventilation was fitted to the house drains and there was no spread of the disease.

Several cases of mild form of Diphtheritix throat were notified during the year in the district. There was no death from any of these cases. I visited each case and gave instructions to the Council's Sanitary Inspector for the prevention of the spread of the disease and considered it prudent to close the Village Schoolds for a fortnight from the 8th November 1906, during which vacation the sanitary arrangements of the School received attention by the Sanitary Officer.

Several new residences have been erected and occupied in the Hightown section since my last annual report and certain byelaws for the better control of building operations and special attention to the matter of sewer and drain construction. A new sewer is about to be constructed at Hightown to empty into the already existing main sewer.

A resident at Hightown complained of a nuisance arising out of a Farm midden containing a quantity of stagnant and foul smelling fluid. I visited the place and found that the drain pipes

leading from the midden to the farm land were obstructed, These were cleared and the nuisance abated. I suggest that the ashpits to the cottages on the right hand or west side of School Lane, Hightown, should be done away with and dustbins be supplied in their place, to be frequently emptied by the Council's Scavengers.

The Yeomanry Camp was again occupied by Voluntary Troops but nothing to interefere with the health of the inhabitants occurred. The patent Brick Factory at Hightown has had several latent and alternating active periods during the year; but I believe it is at present inactive. The process is not injurious to health, as I have made a personal inspection of the premises and no case of disease amongst the operators that could be traced to the Factory workings has come to my knowledge.

There is only one dairy- this has been registered and conforms to the regulations which will shortly be in force in the district.

There are no residents in the district who bring home work from any factory or workshop.

The district at the Hightown section is decidedly progressive and a much larger population may reasonably be expected during the next few years when the line of building operations has extended.

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There have been registered in the district during the past year 11 births and 5 deaths. As the population is estimated at 600, this gives us a birth rate of 18.3 per 1,000 and a death rate of 8.3 per 1,000 of the population. Infantile mortality is at the rate of 90 per 1,000 births.

The Zymotic death rate is Nil per 1,000 of the population.

As before stated the district has not been quite so fortunate as the previous year as regards epidemic disease.

Nothing further has transpired as regards the proposal of amalgamation scheme for Sewerage purposes for the districts of Great and Little Crosby mooted during the previous year.

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I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD PUXTON, M. D.

Medical Officer of Health.

1st January 1907.